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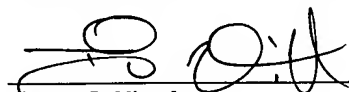
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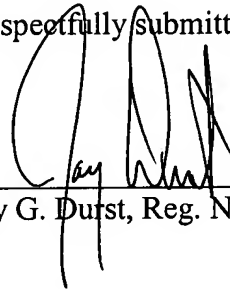
In the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, the Examiner restricted the claims of the present case into two groups (I & II), indicating that the claims of the application define two distinct inventions. In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group II, including claims 26-35, with traverse.

In the Office Action, paragraph 2, the Examiner states that there are two distinct inventions that are related as process and apparatus for its practice. In particular, the Examiner states that the apparatus can be utilized with non-polar solution or in an STM mode. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Independent apparatus claim 26 is operated in a polar solution, as defined in lines 2 and 3. Moreover, though the apparatus may be operated in an STM mode, the method claims of the Examiner's Group I do not preclude such use, and specifically define such operation in claim 21.

As such, Applicant believes the claims of Groups I and II should be examined together, and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this further, she is asked to please contact Applicant's representative at the number below.

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